

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 24, 2014 – SPECIAL SESSION**

Members of the Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on June 24, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, County Annex Building, 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, WA. Attending were Commissioners Jill Johnson and Helen Price Johnson.

The purpose of the Special Session was for the Board to conduct a second round of interviews of the candidates for appointment to Island County Commissioner District #3.

Chair Johnson described for the audience how the Board would conduct the interviews. Candidates would be questioned one at a time while the remaining candidates waited outside; the same questions will be asked of each candidate. A large number of questions were submitted by the public for the Board to review and consider as they built their questions for the interview process. Each Commissioner is welcome to ask follow up questions as they come to mind. Each candidate will be provided additional time for closing remarks.

Interviews were conducted in the following order:

- Aubrey Vaughan
- Marc Hennemann
- Richard Hannold

Each candidate was asked to share what three things they hope to accomplish in the next 4-5 months as Commissioner for District 3.

The following questions were asked of each candidate:

- Most people choose to live in Island County because of the beautiful environment, wildlife, parks, beaches, and island lifestyle. What steps should the Board take to preserve these precious assets? Specifically, could you speak to your evaluation of the Conservation Futures Fund levy-funded program and how it can be improved.
- This question is about budget priorities. As the County Revenues grow, what programs do you feel are worthy of additional financial investment? Are there programs or services that you believe need to be cut or reduced?
- Part of being a Commissioner on a Board of three, is finding common ground to build majority support for moving forward. The power rests with “The Board.” How will you build consensus for your priorities and lead while seeking compromise with your fellow Commissioners?
- Describe a scenario where you would support or advocate for a tax increase.
- One strategy to raise the level of customer service and improve citizen access to county government is through the use of technology and expanding on-line services. Would you prioritize these efforts in the 2015 budget process?

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- Three-quarters of our County are union employees, what is your understanding of the impact a strong and active union culture has in the public sector?
- What is your vision for appropriate economic development and job creation in District 3? What role can County government play in helping to diversify our local economy?
- If appointed, you will have to hit the ground running. What steps have you taken to prepare yourself for the job?

At 7:06 p.m. having concluded the public interview of the three candidates, the Board recessed into Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to elective office, returning to open public session to vote to fill the position. The Executive Session was scheduled to last approximately 15 minutes.

At 7:21 p.m. the Board returned to open public session.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Aubrey Vaughan to the District #3 vacancy. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 2-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the Chair adjourned the Special Session at 7:25 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jill Johnson, Chair

Helen Price Johnson, Member

Commissioner District 3 Position Vacant

ATTEST:

Debbie Thompson, Clerk of the Board